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Jacob Johnson, blind since youth, still works as a piano tuner at the age of 88. He has lived in Manitoba ears. (see story page 2)

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And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not;
I will lead them in paths that they have not known:
I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight.
These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. — *Isaiah 42:16*

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JUST A FEW COMMENTS . . .

Mary G. Patterson

Throughout the year, many generous donations toward the printing and mailing costs of The CCB OUTLOOK have been received and, as editor of the Council's magazine, I am deeply grateful to those who have helped in this way. Although the magazine is sent out free of charge, we do sincerely appreciate financial contributions. On occasion, in lieu of flowers, donations are forwarded in memory of a friend or a loved one who has passed away. Such donations are suitably acknowledged by letter as well as in a column in the magazine entitled Our Thanks To You!

We are greatly encouraged by the comments we receive from time to time regarding the content of The CCB OUTLOOK. We try to keep the magazine informative and newsworthy and we are always pleased to receive items to be included which you feel would be of interest.

With the cost of postage ever increasing, we do want to have correct addresses and it is essential to notify the office of address changes or deletions in our mailing list.

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have a reciprocal agreement with several magazines and we are most grateful to the editors of leading newspapers and periodicals and the free lance writers who recognize our non-profit nature and kindly grant permission, without charge, to reprint certain articles which we feel would be of particular interest to our readers.

It is important to remember that material you wish published in the upcoming issues be forwarded to us by the deadline dates which appear in each issue of the magazine.

Hope you are all having a happy summer as you read this July issue of The CCB OUTLOOK.

EYESIGHT GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

from the Winnipeg Free Press

Winnipeg piano tuner, 88, feels life has been rich in spite of his blindness.

William Jacob Johnson can remember the joy of looking at a lush, green lawn, although he hasn't seen grass or anything else for 79 years.

The fact that "a friend of mine" threw a stone one summer day on the banks of the River Tyne near Newcastle, England, and blinded him hasn't diminished the richness of life for the Winnipeg piano tuner who still works at age 88.

He has never seen his wife, Winifred, whom he married July 11, 1936 — "the hottest day in Manitoba history; we had 112 degrees that day" — or his daughters, Shirley and Elizabeth, now living in Barrie, Ont., and Vancouver, B.C. respectively, or his two teen-aged grandchildren.

He's never even seen his adopted country of Canada, to which his parents brought him eight years after the 1902 accident.

"Yes, eyesight is a blessing," Johnson said recently. "But, you see, if someone tells me this lawn is beautifully green or

those roses are deep red, I can see that.

"I see it in my mind's eye. I remember. It's a great advantage to have had sight before blindness.

"It's only certain off-colours they have today that I can't get."

The eye Johnson's friend injured back that summer day should have been removed within four days, but wasn't. The subsequent infection soon involved the other eye and until 1915, when he lost it as well, Johnson could only tell day from night.

"We had a homestead near Roblin, then. Dad was working at Eaton's and got the urge to get out on the land even though we weren't really a farming family, you know. I was working in the yard near our chicken coop and a branch of a bush penetrated the pupil of the other eye."

Two years later, Johnson was offered a job as a tuner for the Winnipeg Piano Company, and in 1925, he started tuning

instruments on his own.

"I've been doing it ever since, and I'll be 89 on August 12."

Through all the years, Johnson has kept busy. "Yes, it's been a full life, a happy life. Blindness has not stopped me from doing things and I've been contented and have stayed involved.

"I've been on the vestry of St. John's Cathedral (Winnipeg) for a good number of years, you know."

In 1940, Mr. Johnson was one of the driving forces behind the organizing of The Canadian Council of the Blind and is a charter member. He is also a recipient of the Council's highest award, the Award of Merit Gold Medal and Honorary Life Member of The Canadian Council of the Blind.

CNIB recently honoured Mr. Johnson with a life membership on its Manitoba board of management, a full 57 years after he was first elected to the body. "I told them at the presentation luncheon that seeing they've done that they won't soon get rid of me," Johnson said.

Coping with blindness is easier if those who have lost their eyesight associate with other blind people and get the benefit of experiences others have tackled before them, Johnson remarked.

"People go through hell when they lose their eyesight, but once they get over that they're all right. That's why it has always been my contention that blind people need to help each other.

"That concerns me very much and has for many years. Too many of the affairs of the blind are run by people who are not blind and really don't know as much about our problems as we do ourselves."

Blindness, as far as Johnson is concerned, "is just one of those things that can happen to you.

"I still have a lot to be thankful for."

OUR THANKS TO YOU!

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CANADA — The Second Time Around

by Gerry Hall. Reprinted from the 1981 April issue of *Quest* magazine

All travellers are caught in a price squeeze these days, but for Canadians the vise seems to have been given a couple of extra turns. When we head south to the United States, our most popular foreign destination, our dollar suddenly plummets to less than 85 cents. And last year we saw the cheapest air fares to Britain, our most popular overseas destination, double from the previous summer.

In London, a first-rate hotel now costs more than \$100 a day and a couple will pay about \$30 this summer to stay in that bed and breakfast in the Scottish countryside that once went for a song. In the rest of Europe, it can cost as much as \$3 for a cup of coffee or a beer at a restaurant that doesn't even rate in the Michelin guide.

Fortunately, there is one country where our buck is still worth a buck — not a tourist backwater, but a land with mountains loftier than any in Europe, with cities even American visitors rave about, with ocean beaches whose waters in summer are as warm as the Carolinas, with fishing villages almost as colorful as the Greek island ports and with fresh-water lakes that number in the millions. It's called Canada.

But what if you've already seen it, have already spent a day breathing in the salt air from a Newfoundland fishing village hidden away in a rocky cove, already been dazzled by the bright lights of Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver, already gazed on the Rockies from the

shores of emerald Lake Louise, even driven North America's only road to the Arctic, the Dempster Highway?

Is there still a Canada out there worth seeing? Are there enough first-rate things you missed the first time around to make the part of Canada you choose worth a second dance? We think there are, no matter whether the trip you are considering takes you east or west, and that's the reason for this special section on Canada, the second time around. Did you find out on your first visit, for instance, that Newfoundland is one of the best places in the world to go whale watching, to view the largest creatures ever to inhabit the earth?

Did you know you can take an overnight trip to the edge of the Arctic or that the big game show in the Northwest Territories takes on African wildlife proportions, with caribou herds still migrating 100,000 strong? Did you know that even without previous riding experience you can take a pack trip into the Rockies for close-ups of the mountains and its denizens the car driver never sees?

Did you miss the eerie Alberta Badlands where dinosaurs once wallowed in marshes by the edge of the semitropical sea? When you drove across Northern Ontario, did you realize you were sifting on by Canada's Grand Canyon without even knowing it was there? Did you spend a night on Canada's Left Bank last time you were in Quebec or sit down to dine in a cottage that has been on the same

corner for more than 300 years? We know you went up to the observation level of the world's tallest freestanding structure, the CN Tower, last time you were in Toronto. But did you also wander through the nearby old-world market where one delicatessen sells 20 different kinds of salami?

And did you discover a part of Canada that still clings to its horse and buggy days, just a few miles up the road from the Stratford Shakespearean Festival that took you into rural Ontario? We know you went down to the sea at Peggy's

Cove in Nova Scotia to see Canada's most publicized fishing village. But did you take the time to find an ever nicer one? Or did you find the villages on Prince Edward Island where you can still get a lobster supper with all the trimmings for \$10?

Canada, the second time around offers all of these things and plenty of other unsung treats.

NOTE: Write to Department of Tourism/Travel in the capital cities of the provinces for more information for your vacation in Canada.

Every Mother's Challenge

— Letting Go

Letting go is listening when your boys tell you they want to go on a backpacking trip in the mountains and that though they've gone in the past lots of times with experienced leaders, this time they want to go alone.

Letting go is worrying, thinking, praying, and then agreeing they can do it.

Letting go is watching them organize their equipment, shop for food, and formulate plans without offering too much advice.

Letting go is marvelling in silence how efficiently they go about making all these preparations, the research they do and the lists they make to be checked off as they do the final packing.

Letting go is packing a lunch for the trip to the start-off point, and also providing an early morning send-off

breakfast, but not insisting on knowing what they're going to eat while they're gone.

Letting go is hugging and kissing them and taking pictures just before they leave for a place that boasts sheer cliffs, bears, fast-moving streams, crevices and no road signs and just waving and smiling, not running after the car and begging them to stay home.

Letting go is walking back inside the house and seeing one of them has forgotten that pot you searched for on the back shelves that would be perfect to use with their little stove in preparing their food, and, even so, not having a nervous breakdown for the week until you know they are fine, had a wonderful time, and managed it all without you.

TRANSPORTATION: Key to Integration

by David A. White, Director, National Program Services, Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, from *Rehabilitation Digest* (in part)

Since the invention of the wheel, man has consistently attempted to improve his modes and means of transportation.

Advanced technology has provided the able-bodied individual with the opportunity for greater freedom and access to the environment and beyond. Concorde jets speed across continents, hydroplanes zip across the waves and rail commuters race to their destinations on magnetic tracks; space shuttle is a reality.

However, for the mobility impaired, transportation represents the single most important barrier to equality, participation and integration. As the able-bodied have discovered and disabled people well know, transportation is a vital necessity affecting all areas of an individual's lifestyle.

For many individuals in a wheelchair, a mobility aid - generally unchanged in the last century - this still represents the only means of limited transportation. Not necessarily because of the physical limitations, but due to environmental and architectural barriers.

Is this the result of a planned strategy, "man's inhumanity to man?" No, it is only lack of awareness and an acquired attitude that has left the wheelchair person "standing still" in an age of rapid transit, instant communication and greater accessibility to man's creations and environment.

Will disabled people "catch up?" Yes!

As it has taken time to build unintentional barriers to integration and acquire an indifferent attitude at best, it will take time to remove these barriers.

Many steps have been taken and changes are evolving. Ten years ago the word "para transit" was probably never heard of or thought of, and there was little expectation that human rights codes would be adopted for handicapped people. In the past ten years and more recently, the federal government has adopted and legislated a human rights code protecting handicapped people from discrimination in the area of employment. Several provinces have adopted stronger and more comprehensive human rights legislation. Transportation for disabled people is available in varying degrees in every major city in Canada.

These breakthroughs signal a changing attitude and a greater awareness of the barriers that prevent the full participation of disabled citizens. We still have a long way to go, however. The following records some recent activities at the national level in the area of transportation.

In 1979, Transport Canada established an Advisory Committee for Transportation of the Handicapped, which was formed to advise the government on problems relating to transportation of the handicapped and act as an interface between non-governmental organizations, Transport Canada and federal government departments.

The role of the committee can be described as follows:

- (a) To advise on policy development as it relates to transportation for the handicapped;
- (b) To advise on specific projects, e.g. the accessibility of airport facilities;
- (c) To act as a source of information exchange and to make certain that the information is disseminated to the appropriate parties;
- (d) To collect statistical information;
- (e) To act as a forum in the coordination of other federal government departments that have responsibilities relating to transportation of the handicapped.

Membership on the committee includes representatives from national organizations of and for the handicapped, as well as representatives from many divisions within Transport Canada and other government departments. The committee's goal is to provide recommendations through the Minister of Transport. Several committee meetings have been held resulting in a draft or working papers on the subject. An important and beneficial result of presentations made by CRCD to the Minister of Transport is the fact that four elevators were installed at the Winnipeg Airport terminal prior to the June 1980 World Congress of Rehabilitation International, in order to make the terminal accessible for handicapped persons attending the Congress. The true benefit, of course, is that the terminal will be accessible for all persons using the facility in the future.

In August 1979, the Federal Minister

of Transport requested the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC) to call for written briefs and to conduct public hearings on "Problems of the Handicapped with Regard to Public Transportation under Federal Jurisdiction." As a result, CRCD advised member agencies of the CTC's call for briefs and public hearings and provided a list of tentative recommendations that were intended for inclusion in CRCD's brief. Member agencies were requested to review these recommendations and provide additional comments and suggestions that would be incorporated into the brief.

A comprehensive brief was subsequently submitted to the CTC wherein a number of issues in relation to air and rail travel were examined and twenty-six specific recommendations were made. Public hearings were held in Ottawa in November, 1979, and CRCD addressed the Commission to summarize the concerns and recommendations expressed in the CRCD Brief.

The basic philosophy expressed in the brief was that "the handicapped are not asking for special privileges or concessions, rather simply to be able to utilize transportation systems that will allow them to travel in dignity and in the same manner, comfort and safety that is afforded to the general public." We also recognize that universal accessibility will not be accomplished overnight; however, we strongly believe that a national policy on transportation for the handicapped should be formulated. The formation of such a policy and the assurance of implementation rests in three major efforts at the outset. The establishment of a reasonable time

frame for prioritized, predetermined objectives, the appropriate allocation of funds and collaboration and coordination of public, private agencies, government and disabled persons themselves.

In March, 1980, the CTC published and distributed a forty-page "Summary of Proceedings." While the "Conclusions and Observations" of the Summary are not binding on Government, regulatory bodies or transportation providers, they reinforce the basic philosophy that handicapped individuals should be able to travel with the same ease, risks and responsibilities afforded the able-bodied. The CTC panel in its conclusion states, "We are satisfied that the issues raised during our open meeting constitute matters of legitimate social concern and are deserving of further action by the appropriate regulatory bodies. It is our intention to facilitate such action to the best of our abilities." It is hoped that the action will be vigorous and result oriented.

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While the Federal Government, through its regulatory bodies, is able to influence and implement changes in regard to public transportation under federal jurisdiction, it is up to the provinces to follow the example being set at the national level in adopting a policy that will allow the "transportation disabled" access to the same travel rights and responsibilities afforded to the able-bodied. The "front-line" for action is at the provincial/municipal level.

In conclusion, while the momentum, particularly in the area of transportation is increasing and 1981 — the Year of Disabled Persons as declared by the United Nations represents a tremen-

dous potential to correct current inequities, there is a real danger in the disabled rights movement "peaking" before the full potential is realized. If we allow this opportunity to slip by, the "disabled rights movement" may never have a more appropriate climate in which to achieve its objective.

HUMOROUS COMMENTS

by D. B. Wright

A good friend of mine was forever on the alert for antiques. One day he was talking to an old farmer out in his yard and noticed a cat drinking out of a saucer that he recognized as a very rare bit of old English china. He did not want to arouse the farmer's suspicions so said very casually that his daughter had asked him to get her a kitten if he ever had a chance. Now, would the farmer sell that one?

The farmer appeared very unconcerned and finally my friend said that he would give five dollars for it.

The farmer did not appear interested, but finally agreed to take the offered price. My friend handed over a five dollar bill, picked up the cat and started for his car. Then he stopped and stepped back and picked up the saucer and said, "You don't mind if the cat takes her own saucer along with her?"

The old farmer didn't seem to agree and then my friend said it would be shame to separate them and after all, it was only an old saucer. Why be so sticky?

The wise old farmer said, "My friend, I've sold 129 cats with that saucer!"

from *The Second Mile*, via John Milton Insight

AUDIO MEDIUM IS PERFECT FIELD FOR BLIND 'ATTUNED TO SOUND'

from *The London Free Press*

Legally blind Bill Carss never really lost sight of an urge to work in radio, even though a scandal temporarily closed a university station in Halifax.

But now, as a stalwart member of a 150-man volunteer force at the University of Western Ontario's CHRW radio station, he's pondering a career in television production after being one of three visually handicapped persons to "graduate" from an experimental training program.

"I would like to get involved in television production, but I don't know if I can see well enough," says the 27-year-old psychology graduate of Dalhousie University, who entered UWO a couple of years ago as a computer science student. He has 10 percent vision in one eye and three or four percent in the other.

Now he's contemplating applying for a radio-television arts program at Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnic Institute. But a paying job in radio could change all that.

"The audio medium is perfect for a visually impaired or blind person," he says, "because by the nature of their handicap they are attuned to sound. I think it makes for better (radio) editors."

Carss should know. After a disappointing letdown at Dalhousie, where the student station went off the air because of a row over spending before he got his ears wet, he jumped on a suggestion to join a four-month program to learn the radio business last

summer.

Three visually handicapped and two sighted students took part in what Western's station manager Pat Nagle terms a mammoth undertaking. In addition to learning all facets of production, including tape editing, on-air skills and broadcasting laws, they labelled equipment and controls in braille, along with a library collection of between 6,000 and 8,000 records.

The record labelling has still to be completed but the task was eased by Dave Best, a blind computer science graduate, who coordinates handicapped activities through the university's student services department.

Best developed the computer programming to facilitate the braille labelling and cataloguing system, says Nagle, adding that the program was not geared toward the job market but to make the university radio station accessible.

The program was developed in cooperation with the London office of CNIB in observing White Cane Week, Feb. 1-7.

In fact, the station has become something of a blind affair. Doug McCallum, the CNIB's district administrator, London, Carss and blind computer science student Brian Borowski air a weekly, hour-long blues, boogie and barrelhouse jam session. Borowski and McCallum are the co-hosts and Carss, the producer.



Carss, whose eyes were burned when, as a three-month premature baby he was supplied with too much oxygen, says he puts in about 20 hours a week at the station. He has three hours of his own programming on Tuesdays, fills in for volunteers who can't make their shifts, produces, and trains newcomers.

Says Nagle: "He has certainly become an extremely active member of the station. We have no qualms about sending Brian and him to train sighted volunteers and the reason we are able to do that is because of the summer program."

Nagle says he was concerned initially that other volunteers might damage or destroy the braille labels "because of the

number of people we deal with; but there has been no problem at all."

What has surprised him is the acceptance of the visually handicapped volunteers by the sighted students. "It's quite an opportunity for the normalization process. They work together on a peer group basis and it's worked out well."

Carss says he never mentions his affliction on radio. "It's amazing the number of people who think the blind can hear so much better than they. They don't know that blind people just pay more attention. That's probably the main reason the blind are good in radio because they pay attention to sound — unlike most sighted people who pay little heed to their own vision."

WESTERN BLIND CURLING BONSPIEL

Eight teams, from the four western provinces participated in this bonspiel on March 6, 7 and 8 at Waskatenau, Alberta.

This event was hosted by the Waskatenau Lions Club in conjunction with the Edmonton Blind Curling Association.

The 1st place trophy was won by the Roger Morin rink of Edmonton, with team members Gerry Beauchemin, third; Cory Stuive, second; and Lori Heysert, lead.

The Regina rink of Francis Gartner, skip; Terry Parsons, third; Len Triffo, second and Brian Shuparski, lead, placed second, winning the Ken Blondheim Memorial Trophy.

The winners were decided by the point system which was 2 points for each end scored on and 5 points for the win.

A big thank you to the Waskatenau Lions for the lovely banquet on Saturday evening and the noon luncheon on Sunday!

Len Triffo

ONTARIO BLIND BOWLERS HOLD WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

Blind bowlers from across Ontario gathered in Cornwall for their annual White Cane Tournament.

There were 18 teams, and about 225 people from as far away as London and Sudbury took part in the event.

George Patrick, president of the Cornwall Blind Bowlers said the tournament has been held for a number of

years in conjunction with White Cane Week. It is held in a different city each year. Mr. Patrick also said that the local club had a good committee working on the event with help from the Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Legion, CNIB and the city.

Mrs. Grace Gottschalk, president of the London Blind Bowlers, said they bowl each week. She said they really appreciated the efforts the Cornwall people put into the tournament.

"We were met at the train and had a reception Friday night. It was really great," she said.

According to the rules for blind bowling, at least one member of each team must be totally blind, while the rest may be partially sighted, said Mrs. Gottschalk. A hand rail is set up to guide the blind bowlers in their delivery.

"We have a lot of fun at this. We're not out for blood," she said.

— from the *Standard-Freeholder*,
Cornwall

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Seven Ways To Cultivate a Mental Attitude To Bring Peace and Happiness

Fill your mind with thoughts of
peace, courage, health and hope
Never try to get even with your
enemies

Expect ingratitude

Count your blessings — not your
troubles

Do not imitate others

Try to profit from your losses

Create happiness for others

DISABILITY DOES NOT HINDER WORKER'S ABILITY IN THE FACTORY . . .

from the *St. Thomas Times Journal*

Walter Else may be blind, but he has a secret — a disability is only a disability if you make it one.

Mr. Else is retiring after 32 years as an assembly worker in the standard parts department of Hayes-Dana Inc., Weatherhead Division, St. Thomas, Ont.

He says he's not sure what he will do with his retirement years — "just the usual things."

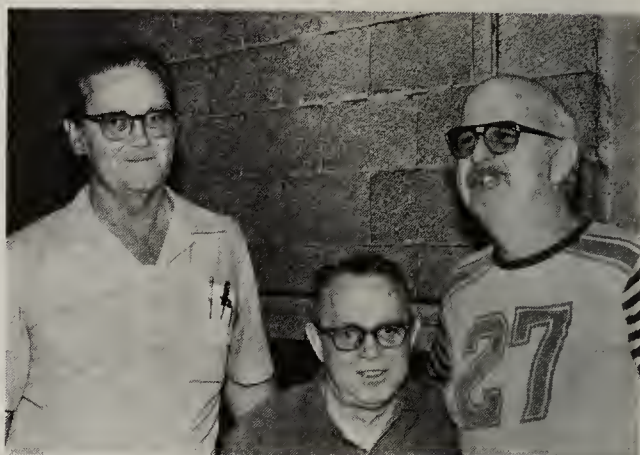
He is an ordained minister in the Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has been involved in the scouting movement since 1940. He is presently a member of the group committee for the scouts and a representative at 21st St. Thomas Troop at his church.

Walter says besides his church work, he enjoys "reading" talking books and playing the guitar and the harmonica for various organizations.

But one of his favourite pastimes is using his Citizens' Band radio and receiver.

"Another blind man and I often give drivers who are lost some directions. I know the city quite well because I have lived here all my life. But we often chuckle at the thought that two blind men gave sighted men directions."

Mr. Else says everyone at work has been very good to him — especially Norm Jacklin and Terry Moore, two set-up men. They have taken him to and from work every day since he started at



Walter Else, centre, fellow workers Norm Jacklin, left and Terry Moore, have taken him to and from work for the past 32 years.

the plant 32 years ago.

Another helpful workmate was his dog guide, Joey, who accompanied him at work. "I really missed that dog when he died. He used to take me right up to the front of the line at the end of a shift. Now I have to wait my turn to punch my time card."

Mr. Else says he tries to do a good job at work and enjoys knowing that he has helped someone else.

"They may hire another blind person to take my place — you never know — I guess that's up to management."

Nervousness is when you feel in a hurry all over and can't get started.

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All men are equal, but it's what they're equal to that makes the difference.

BOOK OF FAME

1981

Individuals whose names are entered in The Canadian Council of the Blind Book of Fame are blind persons selected as being worthy of merit by reason of outstanding or faithful service to the blind, to their community, or who have distinguished themselves in the arts or professions. With due ceremony, citations attesting to the honour conferred upon them by their peers, are presented to the recipients.

The CCB Alberta Division presents:

DR. MARY MUNN

Mary Munn, blind from birth and a native of Montreal, Quebec, was educated in regular schools. In 1926, she won the Gold Medal for Canada from the Royal School of Music in London, England. There she obtained her L.R.A.M. diploma with distinction.

Her concert career took her from London's Royal Albert Hall with Sir Malcolm Sargent and the London Symphony Orchestra and programs on the BBC to European, American and most major Canadian cities. Critics described her playing as intimate, graceful, sensitive and forceful, with brilliant technique.

Dr. Munn has taught piano at Mount Royal College and the Calgary Conservatory of Music. She decided to upgrade her education and in 1973 graduated with honours from Boston University with a Doctorate in Musical Arts, being the first blind woman in the world to do so. Since then, she has been principal of the Calgary Conservatory of Music.

Always generous with her talent, she has contributed to such programs as the London, England Flood Relief, Calgary Lions Telethons and to our own CCB

club. Mary has a warm personality and sense of humour that captivates her audience. She is an inspiration to all of us.

The CCB Ontario Division presents:

EVERETT RUSH

Everett was born in Alberta with impaired vision. He attended the Ontario School for the Blind, specializing in vocal music and piano tuning, which is now his profession. His knowledge is in demand for conditioning pianos for special events; recitals, music festivals, etc. He is considered an authority on purchasing and the maintenance of pianos.

Everett was president of the CCB Cornwall Club for six years and has been treasurer for 23 years. For many years he was a delegate to the CCB Ontario Division Conferences and was on the Ontario Division Board of Directors for three years. He has been on the local CNIB Advisory Board since 1977 and is now the treasurer.

Mr. Rush is a paid soloist at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Cornwall and sings at weddings, banquets and other events, and was recently presented with

a scroll for 25 years service. He produced a recording of sacred music in 1971 and gave a recital in 1977 at the BakerWood auditorium, Toronto.

Everett belongs to the Blind Bowlers Club, competing in tournaments throughout Ontario and has won several trophies. He is married, with one daughter and a grandson.

The CCB Manitoba Division presents:

GODELIEVE MARGUERITE
(JUDY) McPHERSON

Judy McPherson was born in 1924, on a farm at Cyprus River, Manitoba. Third in a family of nine children, she attended the Ontario School for the Blind at Brantford, where she excelled in athletics and music, as well as academic subjects.

She was employed for a short time in the CNIB garment factory, moving to a position at Hudson Bay House and then to the Manitoba Medical Services as a switchboard receptionist. Today she is employed on the switchboard at the CNIB Winnipeg office.

Since 1948 Judy has been involved in the CCB Winnipeg & District Club, has served as president and secretary of the CCB Manitoba Division and attended five national conventions. In 1954 she became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, as well as being an active member of the Catholic Women's League and the Toastmistresses of Winnipeg.

Judy was married in 1962 to John Archie McPherson and they have a

daughter, Elaine.

Mrs. McPherson's main wish in life is to be of assistance and service to blind people.

The CCB Quebec Division presents:

JEAN-PAUL LEGAULT

In 1971, as a result of glaucoma, Mr. Legault lost the sight in his left eye. Two years later, a car accident caused a further deterioration of his eyesight. However, he continued his employment as a constable with the Hull Court of Welfare until, suddenly, in 1974, he became totally blind. This was a hard blow for Jean-Paul and his family.

In September, 1977, he organized the CCA Club Regional de Hull, was elected president, and in serving other blind persons, began to live fully once more. In 1979, thirty different activities were organized for the approximately 115 club members, under his guidance.

Mr. Legault keeps in touch with members and is most generous with his moral support, comforting words and never failing to visit when they are ill.

Jean-Paul is a very dedicated, honest, dynamic and jovial man, -always ready to render a service.

The CCB British Columbia-Yukon Division presents:

PAT YORK

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1951, Pat became blind as a result of an accident at age eleven. He received his

education at the Jericho Hill School, Lord Byng Secondary School and Vancouver Community College.

In 1976, Pat qualified for the Olympiad for the Physically Disabled, Etobicoke, Ontario, and in 1980 participated in the Olympic Games for the Disabled, Arnhem, Holland.

Pat was instrumental in organizing the Canadian Blind Sports Association, B.C.

division. He has been the recipient of numerous medals for track, swimming and wrestling and has travelled throughout Canada and the world to accomplish his victories.

Playing the guitar is Pat's hobby; writing songs to remind him of his success in sports.

Pat believes there is nothing a blind person cannot do and his achievements have proven this to be a fact.

NO HANDICAP TO SUCCESS

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Chances are that few blind people have ever heard of Jim Swail, senior Research Officer at Ottawa's National Research Council, even though many of them use his inventions every day. Like other NRC scientists, Swail tends to keep a low profile. Also, those who use Swail's inventions probably don't realize that they work so well because Swail needs most of them himself: he was blinded in an auto accident at the age of 4.

Since initiating the NRC biomedical engineering program aimed at the blind and deaf-blind in 1962, Swail has designed more than 100 practical items — from a foldout white cane to a talking computer. There's a braille electronic darkroom thermometer, a braille calculator that operates using a combination of sound and touch, and a remote control sound beacon that allows a blind person to press a button in his pocket that triggers an audio signal as he approaches his own home so he can identify which house he should enter.

Jim Swail graduated with a bachelor's degree in math and physics from McGill University in 1946, then spent six months looking for work at a time when jobs were relatively plentiful. "Most people didn't want anyone with a handicap and that was all there was to it," says Swail, now 55. He recalls feeling lucky when he finally got a job at the NRC, even though initially he was paid less than his colleagues. (He is now paid the same.)

During his first 16 years with the NRC he worked on the time and frequency standard but designed inventions for the blind in his spare time. Then in 1962, while attending the International Congress on Technology and Blindness in New York, he was persuaded by several delegates to try to convince the NRC to let him work full time on his inventions. His bosses agreed to his proposal.

Since then, Swail has heard dozens of stories of blind people who have benefited from his work. In Ottawa, for instance, a blind man recently built his own house

using a modified carpenter's level that has an audio signal. In Toronto, a blind employee of the Ontario Provincial Police was promoted from clerk to constable because a synthetic speech device designed by Swail, when attached to police equipment, allows him to read information aloud in court. And in the Arctic a blind Inuit man operates a CBC satellite station alone, using Swail's voltage meter — equipped with a braille scale and audio indicator — to measure voice levels.

Jim Swail's work has provided him with a decent income, but the job means much more to him than just a pay cheque. "It's solving problems I run into every day," he says. "And that's very satisfying."

Editor's Note: Jim Swail is a long-time friend of The Canadian Council of the Blind. In 1974, he addressed delegates and board members at the CCB National Convention, Victoria, B.C., and has written several interesting articles for *The CCB OUTLOOK*.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

The WINNER sees an answer for every problem;

The LOSER sees a problem in every answer.

The WINNER sees a green near every sand trap;

The LOSER sees two or three sand traps near every green.

The WINNER says: "It may be difficult but it's possible;"

The LOSER says: "It may be possible but it's too difficult."

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Membership

We are pleased to announce the affiliation of a new club in the Ontario Division, namely, the Prince Edward Good Cheer CCB Club. We wish the club members success in all their future undertakings.

Annual Meeting

The CCB Annual Meeting will be held in London, Ontario, July 23-24, to coincide with the American Association of Workers for the Blind Biennial Conference, being held in Toronto, July 19-23. This will enable members of the CCB National Board of Directors to attend some of the AAWB sessions.

Public Speaking Contest

A National Public Speaking Contest will be held again this year. The deadline date for entries to be sent to the CCB National Director of Education is September 30, 1981.

Rights of the Disabled

One of the points listed in the legislation brief which was signed by the CNIB Managing Director and the CCB National President and forwarded to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Monique Bégin, in 1979, requested that the rights of the blind and disabled be safeguarded in the Canadian Constitution and that this protection be included in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We are glad to say that in this year of the disabled, the Federal Government has now included the rights of the disabled in the Charter of Rights, which hopefully will become law later this year.

Paul J. Chovancek

CLUB NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA-YUKON

New Westminster and District W.C.C.

Our introduction to White Cane Week came when our bowlers hosted several guests from the New Westminster Lions Club just prior to White Cane Week. There were fun innovations which added to the general hilarity and good will. Bags on heads, and masks, served to point up the problem of managing without eyesight or with very little. There was bowling on one foot, backwards between the legs and left handed. Small prizes were awarded for various skills, such as the most headpins in a game or getting just certain corner pins in specified frames. A coffee break and refreshments provided an intermission at the end of the second game and the opportunity to socialize.

The Royal Oak Lions were guests at a cribbage session, a much enjoyed annual event. Our White Cane players emerged victorious!

Every meeting, two gifts were donated to be raffled and the results are funneled into our Overseas Blind Fund. This year a more ambitious project has been launched to supplement our regular one. Recreation director Edie Blaus has donated a set of encyclopedias and is selling tickets to blind and sighted alike. The books are being raffled on the night of the party in honour of our volunteers. This will be a good way of publicizing the Overseas Blind Fund and should result in a sizeable donation.

We were grieved last June at the death of our beloved secretary-treasurer of ten years, after a long illness. Kathern Barrow,

a schoolteacher, was a caring person and her loss was felt personally by all of us who knew her. In an effort to find a replacement, President George Mills contacted the New Westminster Lions Club. We were fortunate to have a perfect response to this appeal and Ralph Smart is our new secretary-treasurer. Welcome to the club, Ralph!

As well as alley bowling, members are participating in table bowling, shuffleboard, cribbage and bingo.

Lorna Mills

CCB Victoria Club

For a second memorable year, at the invitation of Mrs. Bell-Irving, our Provincial First Lady and Honorary President of the Womens Auxiliary, CNIB, the annual Spring Tea for the blind of Victoria was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 25th, in the magnificent ballroom of Government House.

This splendid room is superbly equipped for large assemblies. They have ranged from great and historic gatherings to the most delightful of royal revels. For those who are sighted, its outlook over the early beauties of floral Victoria and across the Straits of Juan de Fuca to the snowcapped peaks of the Olympic Mountains is one of great charm.

As the blind guests arrived, most with helpful companions, but many assisted by a generous and ever ready band of volunteer drivers, they were met and warmly welcomed by the waiting ladies of the W.A. They were then taken to one of the 50 tables beautifully decorated with floral centerpieces where they

happily chatted with old friends or, as readily, made new ones.

The Tea was officially opened by His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. Mr. Bell-Irving and Mrs. Bell-Irving, the chatelaine of Government House. They then graciously circulated among the guests chatting with and meeting many whom they were pleased to remember.

When the time for departure came, kind words of appreciation were expressed by Mrs. Joan Hamlin, President of the W.A., Miss Isabel Beveridge, on behalf of the CNIB in the absence of District Administrator Don Jones, and Mrs. Ruth Hauptfleish, the true sweetheart of CCB Victoria Club. Bouquets of the fragrant and colourful table decorations were then offered to the guests who gladly accepted them as bright reminders of the events of the afternoon. These would be enjoyed in that smaller world of their own homes and apartments.

As a notable highlight of our activities in this International Year of Disabled Persons, the W.A. Spring Tea for nearly 300 guests was unquestionably an outstanding success.

This year's *Sight Saving Tea and Bazaar* was held on Friday, May 1. There was a bargain-rich flea market, attractive and excellent handicrafts, splendid draw prizes, special donations and a very delectable tea.

This annual event over the past five years has enriched this most humanitarian fund by contributions totalling some \$5,730. We are now proud to add a further \$940 or better, as a result of this year's receipts.

As readers are aware, such donations

passed on to Canada's Operation Eyesight Universal are matched dollar for dollar. The resulting total is then further matched by the Canadian International Development Agency acting for the Canadian government. Such a splendid form of multiplication must surely deserve our unstinted admiration.

In today's world in which so many public announcements of rises in personal costs cast an inevitable gloom over our harrassed spirits, the recent decision of the Victoria Transit Planning Board to reinstate free bus passes to war service amputees and to blind persons comes like a burst of warm golden sunshine. Our thanks were immediate and appreciative.

At a recent meeting, a new member was introduced in the person of Ed Renouf, a former professional gardener and popular writer on wildlife.

As it was an open afternoon, one or two stories were offered and beautifully read by Clara Dowling. Their reception was so warmly appreciated that Mr. Renouf immediately obtained his publisher's consent to produce many of the stories on cassette tapes for presentation to the CNIB and the further enjoyment of White Cane Club members. They are now stimulating many an active mind's eye to see again those delights of nature which seemed always so close at hand before man's rush and tumult swallowed them up in our modern urban sprawl.

Jim Davies Table Bowling Trophy

A tall, classical-looking, polished walnut, table bowling trophy, to be a memorial of Jim Davies, was presented in a very pleasant ceremony by his widow, Mrs. Florence Davies and daughter-in-law.

The trophy stands on a rectangular

base, mounted with bronze medallions for the inscription of each winner's name. Centred on the base, rises a tall, three-sided, bay-style, polished wood alcove. Presented against this backdrop, in splendidly modeled bronze, is the action figure of a bowler poised at the end of his table about to deliver his shot.

Jim was an enthusiastic bowler right up to his 104th birthday. The family was immensely grateful to the club for giving him an extension of 25 years of active and pleasurable interests.

Just now declared, the first holder of this memorial trophy will be Ed Savall and Lou O'Leary as runner-up. For the highest individual Lions Club trophies, we also have Ann Keller with a three-game best of 310, and our nonagenarian, Ted Molt, taking the honors for the men with a 293 score.

Perce Stollery

CCB Nanaimo Club

In mid-April a luncheon was held to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the club, and although it is a small group, it is very active and Club President Mary Hitchens spends a lot of time speaking at schools.

There are only two charter members left: Mary Hitchens, who has been president for the past 25 years, and Mrs. Forbes.

The banquet was held in the Chinese United Church in Nanaimo. Special guests were Henry and Doreen Reifel of New Zealand and Frank and Aileen Hodge. Frank, president of the CCB B.C.-Yukon Division was the guest speaker and chose as his topic the relationship of the CCB and CNIB.

Frank Hodge



Anniversary guests, left to right, Henry and Doreen Reifel of New Zealand, Aileen and Frank Hodge, and club president, Mary Hitchens, CCB Nanaimo.

SASKATCHEWAN

CCB Saskatoon White Cane Club

As spring arrives this year in Saskatchewan, our land is being blown into Eastern Canada — or maybe even into the Atlantic Ocean! But we have kept our feet on terra firma so that we could enjoy the White Cane Club activities.

The wind hadn't started its theft of our top soil in February — in fact, we still had some snow on the ground — when *The Sunshine Group* gave us a very pleasant evening of music and song. Herb Essenburg plays a mean lead guitar with this group and sometimes doubles as the pianist, playing lively solos on both instruments. The program included dance music, a sing-a-long and some sacred songs. The audience was very responsive.

In March, we had our annual meeting with good attendance. George Rosenberg is our president for another year, with Shirley Donaldson our new vice-president. Conveners were also named. After the election, Shirley Donaldson played the piano and led the singing before lunch was served.

Our 'Fun Nite' is always in April and this year we devoted most of the evening to an auction sale to raise money for the Overseas Blind Fund. Donated by club members and their friends, every kind of small object imaginable was put up for auction, which was ably handled with much wit by Nels Agren. Minor bidding wars broke out frequently, which sparked much laughter. Items bringing in the most money and starting many little rivalries were the good home baked products — and a sizeable sum was made for the

blind overseas.

We were also a little saddened on this evening when we had a few bittersweet moments dedicated to a farewell presentation to a long-time member and friend, May Postlewaite. May and husband, Ted, are moving to Ottawa to be with their youngest son. Readers of Club News will remember seeing May's name written there for so many reasons it is hard to count. She has been president, vice-president, held nearly all the convenerships at various times, has been a delegate to CCB conferences many times, has won the divisional public speaking trophy and the national award so often that one feels she owns it all. She has a most pleasant and witty personality and is always eager to cooperate in making the club better and better. May is a charming person, and so was always everyone's choice whenever presentations were to be made to someone. This time she was on the receiving end. Pearl McMahon, also a long-time member, presented May with a lovely corsage and an engraved serving tray from the club. Director of Saskatchewan Committee for Disabled Persons Herb Essenburg also presented her with a pin and thanked her for her many years assisting him with White Cane Week.

Ella Greenfield played and sang *May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You*. May Postlewaite hopes to join with CCB activities in Ottawa, so you good folks down there will soon learn what an asset she is to a club and how quickly and easily she makes friends. From the pages of Club News we wish you and Ted "Happy Landing!"

Mary Boddy

ONTARIO CCB Companions Club Windsor

This being the International Year of Disabled Persons, we extend our hands to national and international groups in full participation, supporting every effort in making this year one of solidarity, equality and promise to all disabled persons throughout the world.

There is much to report — so many activities in full force and new recreational formats being introduced. Craft classes have begun, meeting each Tuesday afternoon with very good attendance, varying the crafts in accordance to individual capability. Volunteer services were made available through a Social Service Worker student of the University of Windsor.

We were fortunate in organizing a fivepin bowling league this year, co-sponsored by the Downtown Lions Club. Everyone looks forward to these Sunday evening outings and it seems to be quite an enjoyable endeavor. We have had pleasant tours and social evenings co-sponsored by the Downtown Lions and the I.O.D.E. Auxiliary to the Blind. Our club dinner meeting each month, plus a social evening with entertainment for our members rounds out our usual monthly events.

We have been honored with several guests from other clubs — Sudbury, Harrow, Redford, Michigan, and Fredericton, N.B. These folks each brought greetings from their respective clubs.

Congratulations to our new National President, Rudy Rempel. Best wishes from our club to you! Those of us who know you personally are confident you will give your new post your very best

effort.

Delegates were chosen for the 1981 Divisional Conference in Kingston. Club President Margaret Curtis and yours truly, Ada Toulouse, are this year's representatives, with Ruby Thompson as an alternate. We are looking forward to seeing many of you again.

As White Cane Week chairperson, I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the cooperation and general response we had this year. The Downtown Lions came forth again and co-sponsored our activities. On Sunday, February 1, things really began to roll with our blind bowlers in tournament with the Windsor Spitfire Hockey League, CKWW Radio, CBE Radio, CJOM Radio, The Windsor Star and the Windsor Downtown Lions Club all playing blindfolded. This was a real fun time.

On February 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., a concert and variety show featuring talented blind folks was held in the auditorium of the main branch of the Windsor Public Library. In spite of the severe weather, with ice and snow, the auditorium was filled. The concert was well worth the effort and we are very fortunate to boast such excellent talent among our local registered blind friends.

On February 5th, the Windsor Spitfire Hockey team was host to the blind for their game against the Brantford Alexanders. During the intermission some of our members were invited to display their ability here, too. I think they even scored a few against the Windsor Spits.

During the week, CNIB Administrator Roy Lesperance, Field Secretary Eric Hobden and one of our club members, Leola Cylka, had personal radio inter-

views. Fifty churches were contacted, five schools visited and the school visits extended beyond White Cane Week with bookings into the month of March.

There were radio spot promos at 15-minute intervals with 18-hour coverage daily for the entire week using this year's slogan and reminding everyone of its importance.

The response and cooperation this year has left me overwhelmed. I don't think I will ever forget 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons. I am proud to be a part of it.

Ada B. Toulouse

CCB Hamilton Association

We had a very successful winter season with plenty of activities for young and old. We had a real good turnout for the modern square dance group. This group danced for the camera on Cable 4 TV, Hamilton.

Ten programs have been taped for cable television for 1981. The programs are thirty minutes in length and are shown four times weekly. A variety of skills are shown. Your correspondent hosts the show.

Many of our members took advantage of the trip to Nashville. All reported having a wonderful time.

Several smaller trips were enjoyed this year. A van filled with a happy crowd attended a dance held at Beachville. Everyone enjoyed the warm welcome, prizes and lunch. We should do this type of thing more often. It is a good feeling to meet the people you read about in *The CCB OUTLOOK*.

Our club sent two delegates to the

division conference this year and another person from our club is a member of the division executive.

The bowlers were proud of the success of their annual variety show. Entertainment was provided while the male participants zipped up their long gowns and put on their pretty hats; — even one pretty bathing suit was in the show!

Club 13 had several activities. The Scottish Night was terrific.

Graham Townsend and wife, Eleanor, of Willowdale, entertained us at the CNIB auditorium with old-time fiddle music. The Townsends have both taken the championship at the popular Shelburne old-time fiddlers' contest which is held annually. Graham is a recording artist and will be seen on CBC television this fall.

Congratulations to Delaine and Steve White, Amherst, N.S., who were recently married. This comes from Rhona and Elsie who were your guests at the Maritime Conference held in Amherst. We also enjoyed the beautiful poem submitted to *The CCB OUTLOOK* by Leota Bickford, a member of the CCB Amherst Club.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Rhona MacKenzie

CCB London Club

February was a busy month for our club, starting with White Cane Week and, later in the month, our members were invited to a progressive euchre party by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Duchess of Kent Legion. We enjoyed the evening of cards and conversation, which concluded with a delicious lunch.

On February 28th, the curlers held a fund-raising dance. While they are few in number, they have lots of enthusiasm and the dance was a big success. Out-of-town clubs were invited to swell our numbers and it added to the enjoyment of the evening to see friends and to make new ones.

Towards mid-April, we again put on our dancing shoes and boarded a bus to join the members of the Oxford County Social Club for the Blind.

We held our annual card party in aid of the overseas blind in March. It was a very successful venture, thanks to the enthusiasm of our members and our sighted friends.

A \$20,000 Federal grant has been awarded to our club to be used to produce video tape depicting the life style of the blind of all ages and walks of life. Blind people will be participating in the production as much as possible. This is the project of the CCB London Club for the International Year of Disabled Persons.

Marion Johnston

CCB Barrie Club 60

Greetings to all CCB members across the nation! By the time this report is read we will be well into the summer and it is hoped all members and their associates in the family of clubs will have a glorious summer.

For anyone who is wondering why CCB Barrie Club 60 chose this name, you may be interested to know, according to a couple of chartered members, that when the club was formed in 1956, it was the 60th CCB club to be organized in Canada. When I first moved to Barrie

from Thunder Bay, I thought perhaps one had to be sixty years of age to join!

At our recent annual meeting, a new president, in the person of Douglas Ayres, was elected. Stewart Young and his wife, Josée, who acted as president and secretary were given an unanimous vote of appreciation for their work during their term of office. Our new secretary is Mrs. Margaret Bongard. Garfield Mailar remained as vice-president and Marjorie Gilby as treasurer. Other members were chosen to convene various committees.

Despite injuries and illness of some of our members throughout the year, the club's program of activities was conducted with a fair amount of success. Our fivepin bowlers placed second in the roll-off in April of the South Western Ontario League. Congratulations to the Woodstock Lion Tamers who won the first place trophy!

Last summer, some members enjoyed sailing lessons on Lake Simcoe and we are again enjoying this relaxing, thrilling sport of pulling on the sheets, raising or lowering the gib sail and even taking the helm when the boat is underway.

Presently, we are enjoying weekly lawn bowling through the courtesy of the Barrie Lawn Bowlers Association. We are looking forward to attending the tournament in late August.

We'll tell you about our summer activities in the next magazine.

Norman Gilby

MANITOBA

CCB Brandon and District

The CCB and CNIB co-sponsored an Open House at the Drop-In Centre on

an evening during White Cane Week.

This Open House took the form of a film shown by the CNIB, followed by a social hour during which the blind and sighted enjoyed games of carpet ball and shuffleboard.

During the evening, District Administrator Bill Brandon and Mrs. Ilene Ings presented Tracy Blackwell of Forest Elementary School with a certificate and a cheque in the amount of \$25.00 as second prize winner of the division poster contest.

All in all it was a most enjoyable evening and very successful. About 70 persons were in attendance.

Another event during White Cane Week was a challenge bowling game between our blind bowlers and blind-folded members of the Brandon Lions Club. The first game was a victory for the blind bowlers, but the second blind team suffered an overwhelming defeat. Whether the blind bowlers succumbed to a sudden case of the jitters or the Lions became more accustomed to blind bowling will never be known! Lions Club participants were Art Collier, Cliff Carbo, Roy Hickling and Gordon Robertson.

Lots of fun was enjoyed by all present.

Ilene Ings

QUEBEC

CCB Central Montreal Social Club for the Blind

We enjoyed an active season with several dances and social events.

Many of our members enjoyed the Ice Capades at the Montreal Forum.

Forty of our members were active in

bowling and we had sixteen members for the cribbage tournament.

One hundred and twenty-four of our members and guides attended a lively bingo and as well enjoyed an evening at Place des Arts with singer Michel Louvain.

In February, ninety-six of our people enjoyed an evening of western music at Petit Canot Repentigny.

Gertrude Coulombe

St. Lawrence Club of the Blind, Montreal

White Cane Week was celebrated by our club in close cooperation with the Montreal office of the CNIB. Many a member helped and took part in the three-day exhibition at the Seaway Hotel where CNIB aids and services were explained to the public. Yours truly was interviewed on radio station CKVL and also the master of ceremonies for a half-hour show on station CFMB in French and Creole. Other St.-Lawrentians participated in TV and radio broadcasts.

Bingo being quite popular with our group, no wonder 118 members and escorts flocked to the Centre Marquette on February 21. Their satisfaction is quite comprehensible, for they won \$351 in prizes. In mid-March, it was at the parochial St. Ambroise Hall that we got together for our tasty annual dinner. Convener Gerard Lavoie supplied the recorded music to which 160 in number gaily danced until midnight.

Six St.-Lawrentian bowlers competed in the provincial tournament. In order to bounce back, a ball has to hit the floor. Our team did just that by obtaining the eighth position. Let everyone beware!

We will bounce to the ceiling next year! The Drummondville people proved to be peerless hosts. The warmth of the hospitality enjoyed made our bowlers forget a good deal of the bitterness of the defeat.

In Quebec, sugaring-off parties are looked forward to by everyone in spring. That's why we were not surprised that 127 of our members, plus guides, signed up for our "partie de sucre". Three buses took us to Mont St.-Gregoire. We ate and danced and hiked to our hearts' content. You did a magnificent job on that 25th of April, convener Therese!

Culturally speaking, St.-Lawrentians have been far from inactive. Having competed, in mid-February, in all-Quebec public speaking, braille writing and reading contests, Adelberthe Murray, Berthe Rheame, Jacques Talbot and Carmen Ouellette won top prizes. This year, at least, our people seemed to have been more culturally minded than sports minded.

In the early spring, four educational lectures were attended by some thirty of our members at the Centre Sons et Lumière. They dealt with funeral homes, drug abuse, the municipal courts and the Canadian army. Lecturers, competent in their fields (a judge, an officer, etc.) patiently answered all questions they were asked.

We also enjoyed three visits to the Nouveau Monde Théâtre. We bought thirty-four tickets at reduced cost for Faydeau's play *La Puce à l'Oreille* and we used twenty-four tickets for Marivaud's *Seconde Surprise de l'Amour*. The third play was by Pinter, whose French version is entitled *Les Infidèles*. As shown in this play, much of the pleasure derived from

infidelity in married life comes from the ignorance by the victim that he or she is being deceived. Almost all the fun vanishes as soon as it is realized that the so-called victim knew everything and that it was in his or her interest to allow the situation to go on.

An average of twenty-five of our members who take special interest in exploring the universe, paid three visits to the Arlequin Théâtre learning about the Iraki califs and the secrets of the great abysses.

Jean Sorel

ALBERTA

CCB Calgary Club

We will all agree, I believe, that White Cane Week was a busy and successful one this year. Club members in Calgary, along with CNIB personnel, spoke at schools, clubs, and generally did their own public relations bit.

From reports received from the other divisions this seems to have been the trend of events. Also, an Open House at our CNIB Centre was very successful and we found that some schools preferred to bring their classes into the Centre rather than asking for a speaker.

Club meetings and socials were held during these past three months, with small but enthusiastic groups attending.

Cribbage is winding down for the season. Walter Young from Calgary is our successful person and he will play Sandra Burke from Edmonton to determine the provincial champ. A cribbage social night is being planned for early this month to present trophies and awards.

Fivepin bowling also has come to an end for this season. A wind-up banquet

and dance will be held May 16th for presentation of trophies and awards. Our provincial Alice Calloway roll-off will be held, hopefully, in September. We have had a very successful year with bowling and have added variations of play-offs for interest.

We wish to take this opportunity to give a great big vote of thanks to all our volunteers who came out so faithfully and helped with cribbage and bowling.

Have a nice summer, everyone! Get out into the sunshine and enjoy the trees and flowers!

Ella Iantkow

MARITIME

CCB Saint John Club, N.B.

Since the beginning of the 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons our club members have become involved in some interesting projects.

A few of us have begun curling and seem to be enjoying it very much. We hope that in the fall we will get started at an earlier date. There have been a few trips back and forth with the Fredericton Club curlers.

As a joint project with CNIB, we have been packaging 42,000 Loyalist coins for distribution during Loyalist Days.

Wishing all of you a very pleasant, happy and carefree summer.

Carol Baker

CCB Fredericton Club, N.B.

It gives me pleasure to report that White Cane Week was very successful in our community and surrounding rural

areas. The cooperation between our CNIB D.A., Bill Turney, and CCB members made the special week effective.

It is so nice to see good attendance at our meetings. We have several new members this year, also associate members. It is always encouraging when we have new members who are willing and trying to make our local club an asset to the community.

In April, members were invited to attend *The Miracle Worker*, the story of the life of Helen Keller, at the Fredericton Playhouse. The attendance of registered blind persons was worth all the effort that went into making sure that all CNIB and CCB members had the opportunity to attend this play. Refreshments were served after the performance.

Also in April, our club had a 'bring and buy' sale. Mrs. Marion Edwards, an associate member, was the auctioneer for the evening. Several associate members generously assisted. The amount of \$165 raised will be used for future needs of our club. At the close of the sale, a delicious lunch was served.

The Maritime-Maine Tourney Bowling was held in late March in Augusta, Maine. Ron Murphy, CCB Fredericton Club member, won the trophy for totally blind high single.

Louise Best

CCB Moncton, N.B.

The New Brunswick Lions Blind Bowling Tournament was held Saturday, February 7th at the Chesley Lanes in Saint John. Teams were fielded for play province-wide by the various clubs; most clubs sporting an "A" and a "B" team.

Teams consisted of at least one totally

blind bowler with the rest of the team made up of partially sighted members.

Play officially commenced at 2 p.m. and continued straight through to approximately 4:30 p.m. This provincial roll-off was a one-day event combining actual play, followed by the bowling banquet and dance at which the individual and group trophies were presented.

This year's team standings were as follows: 1st place — Moncton "A" team — 1302; 2nd place — Bathurst "#1" team — 1221; 3rd place — Saint John "A" team — 1209.

It was Moncton Club's second year in a row to bring home the winning trophy. Individual trophies won by members of the Moncton teams were: Jeannette Arsenault, high average, totally blind female; Rita LeBlanc, high single, partially sighted female.

Special congratulations are in order for Romeo Beaulieu, 81 years of age, for capturing the high single trophy for partially sighted males.

Congratulations and many thanks to all who participated in making this year's Lions Bowling Tournament the great success it was.

Tracy Kurtz

CCB Bathurst Club, N.B.

Greetings across the miles to all CCB clubs.

We owe so much to the many Bathurst social groups and volunteers who provide such wonderful assistance. Thanks to them we had a very good year.

Plans were made at our first meeting of the year for the N.B. Lions Blind Bowling Tournament. A substantial donation was pledged by the Lions Club

towards the funding of this event which took place in Saint John. Three teams represented Bathurst.

Our CCB club and CNIB worked together to make White Cane Week informative and successful.

At our election of officers, Antonie Boudreau was named president; Mrs. Rose Marie Pitre, vice-president; John Bullen, treasurer; Mrs. Elsie Baldwin, secretary and Mrs. Leona Lavigne, past president.

Congratulations to all and good luck in 1981!

Thérèse LeVasseur

CCB Charlottetown Club, P.E.I.

We enjoyed a bus trip to the hall in St. Eleanors. We were invited by the Lions Club. Bingo was played and there was music and dancing. As usual, a lunch brought the evening to a close.

Before beginning our annual meeting, we enjoyed a supper of baked beans and brown bread served by the ladies auxiliary. Ruth Connors and Valerie Arsenault were re-elected president and vice-president, respectively. Steven White is our 2nd vice-president and Dorothy Acorn was elected secretary by acclamation.

Vivian O'Neil gave a most interesting talk on her work as a physiotherapist at one of our social evenings, after which we played the game fifteen for awhile before having lunch.

We, in Charlottetown, wish the clubs all the best in 1981!

Violet Daley

CCB Cumberland County Club, Amherst, N.S.

Previous to White Cane Week, materials were distributed to all the schools in our town as well as to all the clergy.

We had an open line radio program on CKDH Amherst, which lasted an hour and folks called in and talked about our CCB club and about the services provided by CNIB. Bill Hope and Leota Bickford were there to answer questions.

We had a display of aids for the blind as well as a demonstration by one of our members in chair caning. Also, our own orchestra, the *June Bugs* entertained on two of the evenings.

We taped a program on Cable TV explaining our club and its purposes, and the services CNIB offer.

W. G. Hope

NEWFOUNDLAND-LABRADOR CCB St. John's Club

Greetings to all club members everywhere.

Plans were made at our February meeting for a cribbage tournament to be held later in the month. Twenty games were played and the successful winners were: Mrs. Mary Howell, with a score of 2274, and Mrs. Clara Reeves, a close second, with a score of 2262. Congratulations, ladies!

During our business meeting in March, a beautiful trophy was presented to Mary Howell. This meeting was attended by 30 members. After the general business activities an enjoyable lunch was served by the refreshment committee.

The election of officers was conducted by CNIB Executive Director Eugene Pike

and the results were as follows: President, David Baird; Vice-President, Mrs. Angeline Ash; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Cantwell; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Mulrooney and Treasurer, Mrs. Edith Morrissey. Conveners of the committees were re-elected for another term.

Delegates to the division conference are Miss K. Condon, Mrs. A. Ash, and your correspondent.

Lunch, served by the CNIB Ladies Auxiliary, brought our annual meeting to a close.

Our club members extend good wishes to all for a very pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Winnie Sparkes

NEW DEVELOPMENT OF INTEREST TO BLIND STUDENTS

Because blind people have difficulty in obtaining access to the printed word, we would like to acquaint you with information that has reached our office, namely, the development of The Talking World Book by the American Printing House for the Blind. We quote from material received regarding this development:

"There are excellent textbooks in Braille — a whole range of quality instructional materials are available. There is even a leading encyclopedia available in Braille. But for many, the Braille encyclopedia is unwieldy. Its 145-volumes cover 43 feet of shelf space.

". . . Would it be possible to record a complete encyclopedia that sightless

students could use for specific reference needs? . . . That question has now been answered. YES!

"The recorded encyclopedia was developed by the American Printing House for the Blind . . . and World Book - Childcraft International, Inc.

". . . The encyclopedia chosen by the American Printing House for the Blind as the best for their purpose was The World Book Encyclopedia. The contents of World Book were a gift to the blind and the partially sighted from World Book - Childcraft International, Inc.

"The American Printing House for the Blind had extensive experience in audio-tactile education. They knew the kind of tape-playing machine they wanted. But, there was no such machine available. They would have to invent one. Their goal was a machine that could be used quickly and easily by the blind . . . a machine that the blind could use without help from a sighted person.

"After many years of systematic development, the American Printing House for the Blind was able to produce a machine that met all requirements. It uses special cassettes. Each cassette has four tracks running in the same direction with a playing capacity of six hours.

"The tape player is equipped with three dials, each marked in Braille and in large type. The first dial locates the appropriate track. The two other dials help find the exact location of the information desired. After the correct accessing directions are dialed, the player automatically searches the tape for the desired location.

"An index in Braille and in large type directs the reader to the proper cassette and indicates where an article or a topic can be found on the appropriate track.

"The Talking World Book - thousands of articles, 1300 hours on tape, and it all fits into six feet of shelf space!"

Although the total print copy of this encyclopedia can be obtained for approximately \$400., The Talking World Book, comprising of the machine and cassettes is priced at \$1,400. Canadian.

Paul J. Chovancek.

IN THE DAYS BEFORE REFRIGERATION

One of my favourite stories is about the mid-winter chore of stocking the icehouses of the Northeast in the days before refrigeration.

A Vermont farmer lost his watch, and he and his fellow workers stomped all over the sawdust searching for the lost timepiece without success. They raked, they poked, they got down on their hands and knees and felt for the watch, but to no avail. Tired by their efforts, the men went off to eat lunch.

While they were away, a small child slipped into the icehouse and found the watch.

When the workers returned, they registered surprise and asked how it had been located. The child replied, "I laid down on the sawdust and kept very still, and soon I heard the watch ticking."

— excerpt from *Sound of Silence*,
John Milton Magazine

EXCERPT FROM A TALK GIVEN AT THE CCB ONTARIO DIV CONFERENCE OF THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

by R. D. Rempel, CCB National President

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Although this has, perhaps, nothing to do with listening, I feel inclined to digress for a moment to say a few extra words to promote braille.

It is a blessing for the blind students that I have not become one of those sighted educators. I would put them through a training course so tough and so strict that they could compete with any of those sighted speed reading secretaries. Sometimes I think nature created them only so that our slow, clumsy styluses become more obvious.

During the past thirty years, I have met only one such blind person who could turn out page after page with slate and stylus, beating his student peers in time. Hard work had produced this phenomenal speed brailist. It was incredible. He worked like a robot. From that day on I have been dreaming of a situation. What if such braille skills and the best listening abilities which could be developed could be successfully married. What a brainchild could result from that union. It certainly would be worth trying.

With all the sophisticated electronic gear which is being researched in all parts of the world today there is still nothing that can replace the six magical fingers. Reading can, in many cases, be successfully substituted with listening to pre-recorded tapes. However, writing, the most effective educational tool, is a unique mental process for which there is no substitute.

On behalf of those who use braille extensively, I can only repeat the advice to all parents of blind children and all visually impaired persons: Learn braille the sooner the better!

In the field of writing, we can achieve equality with anyone, sighted or blind. Teaching our blind to write faster and more accurately is an opportunity that should be explored to the fullest. So is, of course, the mastery of the spoken word. But we must be able to write it down in the form of an essay, a newspaper article or a letter. Very often it is necessary to take notes and to do it fast.

We should be taught Grade III braille and if that is not good enough, Grade IV. We need writing tools which will place us on a par with any person who can write something of value. Writing is an area where we can compete, but only a few do. The Canadian Council of the Blind could become instrumental in pushing ahead and in opening up a new frontier just a little closer to performance and independence.

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